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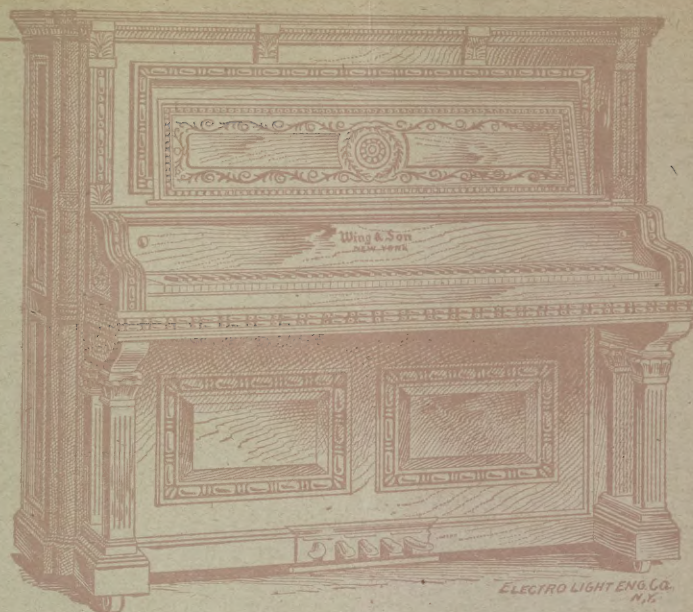
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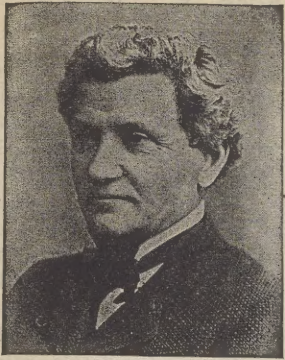
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Single and Double Pyrethrums. PYRETHRUM ROSEUM.

Composite flowers seem to have an attraction for all flower-lovers. We greet the cheerful Dandelion with delight in the spring, even though we realize that lawns will suffer from its presence later. The pretty English Daisy is a favorite, though not as frequently seen in our gardens as formerly, and the Ox-eye Daisy is loved by all but the farmer in whose fields it runs riot. Asters, both cultivated and wild, are universally admired, and the Chrysanthemum is the acknowledged queen of the late fall months.

Then why do not people like Pyrethrums, and why do they not cultivate them? The only answer we can give is that they do not yet seem to be very well known in this country. This may be owing to the fact that hardy perennials are not as generally cultivated here as they should be.

Over four hundred varieties of Pyrethrums are catalogued, which shows that they are popular in some countries. They are largely cultivated in England, where it is possible that the climate is a little more favorable than ours though it is hardly fair to say they will not do well here when they have been so little grown. So far as my experience goes they are perfectly hardy and bloom well.

There are both double and single Pyrethrums, each kind equally pretty and desirable. The double varieties are as beautifully formed and quite as desirable as Asters, and the single ones have all the attractiveness of the Marguerites or Daisies. Both kinds are hardy, showy, profuse bloomers, and easily grown. They blossom early, remain a long time in bloom, are good for cutting, and run through an attractive variety of colors. They make a very showy border, and where a bright-colored mass is desired they are very useful.

The single Pyrethrums are by some preferred to the double varieties on account of their gracefulness and the striking contrast of the bright colors of the florets with the golden disk. The double varieties are fine for massing and last a little longer in bloom than the single ones. Both single and double kinds have long stems and are desirable for cutting, making a fine display in vases or glasses by themselves, or grouped with other flowers. Their fine-cut, Fern-like foliage lends an additional charm to them, and beautifully sets off the brightly tinted flowers. They blossom in late spring, or early summer, so that they do not rival either the Asters or the Chrysanthemums. The colors range from white through various shades of pink and red to crimson, scarlet, and purple. A few yellow varieties are advertised,

but they are a light lemon color, buff, or cream; no golden yellow has yet been offered. There are some shades of magenta which are not very pretty but they can be discarded after blooming time if the color does not please.

Pyrethrums are easy of cultivation. A sandy loam is said to be the ideal soil for them, but they will flourish in any good garden soil if it is well-drained. The latter point is an essential one, as they will not do well if water stands around the crown of the plant. The ground should be deeply spaded and well enriched with manure, as they are

It is generally advisable to divide plants every second year. This can be done in the fall, if the climate is not too severe, otherwise as early as possible in the spring.

Some fine named varieties of single Pyrethrums are: Princess Marie, pure white; Mary Anderson, pale pink; Apollyon, bright pink; James Kelway, brilliant red; Ianthe, rose; Merry Hampton, crimson; Oliver Twist, cream. Some of the best double varieties are as follows: Aphrodite, white; Mont Blanc, white; Ne Plus Ultra, white, very large; Princess Beatrice, bright pink; Magician, bright pink, edge of petals tipped with gold; Leonard Kelway, clear rose; Lord Roseberry, carmine red; King Oscar, crimson; Captain Nares, red; Primrose, pale yellow; Alfred Henderson, purple.

Pyrethrums never fail to please, and those who once grow them will soon consider them indispensable in the garden.

Florence Beckwith.



DOUBLE PYRETHRUMS.

gross feeders. The roots are near the surface, so a mulch of manure or grass clippings is of great advantage in the summer, and a protection of leaves or something similar should be given in winter. They can be propagated from seed or from division of the roots. Seed sown in the spring will produce plants which will blossom the next year, but more satisfactory results are obtained by purchasing plants of named varieties from dealers. Seedlings are seldom as rich in coloring as the best named sorts, though one is sometimes surprised by exceptions to this rule. Single, semi-double, and double varieties are sometimes obtained from one paper of seed, but single ones usually predominate.

ROSES IN TENNESSEE AND TEXAS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

I have often been asked in which state I have been most successful with the rose, Tennessee or Texas? The rose will grow quite as well in one state as the other, and will reach absolute perfection in both, if cultural directions are followed. In Tennessee I grew more than a hundred different varieties. I prized Hermosa and Gloire de Dijon very highly; both are beautiful, and quite hardy with slight protection. Duchess of Edinburgh, Aline Sisley and Madame Rivoy were my favorites among dark red roses. That was before the advent of Meteor, Marion Dingee, and some of our dazzling rich red beauties. Sombreuil, Marie Guillot, Letty Coles, Souvenir d'un Amie, and Madame Charles Wood, are beautiful in Tennessee and also in Texas. Madame Masson is a grand hybrid perpetual that readily commends itself to every one. The flowers are extra large, full and fragrant, of a rich rose color, freely produced on long stout stems. I have retained all the above mentioned roses on account of their extraordinary merit.

Could anything in all nature be more perfectly beautiful than a well grown Safrano with its long pointed buds of rosy salmon, and half blown flowers, of salmon and rose, tinted with all the intermediate shades of the two colors? The effect is simply all that can be desired. There is no controversy about the superb beauty of the Perle des Jardins. Its great, globular, full, fragrant flowers look as though made of golden yellow wax by some fairy hand. Mrs. Robt. Peary stands at the head

of the list, as a grand white climber. It is hardy, blooms early, and profusely. The long pointed buds are borne on long stiff stems. The open rose is of immense size; full and fragrant, remaining in perfection a long while. Meteor completes the quartette of extra good tea roses. It is hardy and produces its great, double, dark, velvety crimson roses, in the greatest profusion from early spring until late in the autumn. The beauty of La France and American Beauty is unquestioned. They need no description. All the above named roses readily adapt themselves to



SINGLE PYRETHRUMS.

almost any locality where the winters are not too severe. A great many others are equally as good, though some in this list; judging from every standpoint, are unsurpassed.

Mrs. J. S. Dunlap.

WESTERN FLOWER PROSPECTS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The spring has been favorable, and the ground is in good condition. The advanced prices on nearly all farm products fostered all sorts of business and correspondingly enabled the matrons who delight in flowers to indulge in many purchases. The orders surpassed all previous records. The greenhouse men in the larger towns have the air of substantial financiers, and the parson is glad to see it. Flowers are very humanizing in their influence. The homes where there are windows filled with flowers have generally a warm feeling for the parson.

Immense quantities of flower seeds were bought and the plants started in the windows, so we may expect early flowering petunias, pansies, etc. It is worth while to note that the bulbs of the gladiolus did not keep well, due to some cause outside freezing weather. The petunia is a favorite flower, for it makes a favorite feeding ground for the humming bird, as well as for the two species of sphinx moths which seem to be part and parcel of the gloaming. This moth is familiarly known as the humming bird moth, and feeds almost ex-

clusively on the flowers of annuals. The humming-bird is rather more common than it was years ago; which would seem to prove that it is not the subject of slaughter.

The parson delights in a window of plants. In winter they are simply glorious, in summer almost the same. A large window filled with tender flowers is a continual suggestion of the tropics. There we can study their habits almost as thoroughly as if we were in their native habitats, and without apprehension of jungle fever, or of snakes and wild beasts. The mind can roam without let or hindrance, and when the quest becomes wearisome recall oneself and find that we are yet in our easy chair.

This prairie country is the real flowery land. The parson recalls his young days when the vast expanse was all open; when the "antlered monarch" would feed at night near the dwelling, and the barking of the impudent prairie wolf could be heard every night. Then in the spring the wild sweet-williams were thick all over the prairies. On the thin soil of the points which dipped toward the streams, the "bird's foot" violet, "viola pedata," made cerulean carpets. The little prairie owls which nested in the edge of the draw were sheltered by the *Lilium Canadense* and the *Lilium superbum*. Alas, as far as the prairie is concerned, those days are gone. Save for lonely specimens here and there, you must now go to the groves along the streams.

The parson early in May concluded to start a bed of wild flowers on his own little grounds. He accordingly harnessed faithful Dapple to the buggy and started for the outskirts of the prairie. Here on the hills overlooking a little river are the familiar flowers of the open and also others native to these ends of the earth. In a box were soon deposited the common blue and yellow violets, and the buttercup (crow's-foot). These flowers carpeted the bottom land along the stream. On the edge where the bluffs commenced, were ferns, bell-worts, ginger-root, and Jack-in-the-pulpit. On the sides were anemones, spring-beauties, and the little dicentra. There were farther up, and on the upper levels, the wild geranium, Solomon's seal, bloodroot, sweet Williams of two shades, Virgin's bower clematis, dog-tooth violets, trilliums, and in moist dells, bluebells. These flowers improve vastly with cultivation. A clump of them in early May is delightful. No bed of wild flowers would be complete without May-apples and the indigo plant. This last flower is almost exclusively of the prairie. It holds its own by the wayside along with the partridge pea, and the asters. It was almost too early for the gentians; nevertheless they shall be added. Another plant very desirable is the compass-plant. Its color is the prettiest tint of all the yellows.

You may judge by this list what a treasure the parson gathered, what a bed will show itself next year! Add to these his geraniums, coleus, begonias, and his annuals, and you can guess pretty nearly his ambitions.

The florist is an unmixed blessing to the farms as well as to urban dwellings. How naked would a farmstead appear without shrubbery and flowering plants. But a farmstead set in flowers resting against a background of evergreens, is a coronet to the prairie, a cadence from far-away Eden. The parson has seen its development from the homely, but honest log cabin to the almost palatial home. Lofty groves and luxuriant orchards thickly dot the landscape, and instead of wolves, wildcats, and deer, are the finest strains of domestic animals. It is a wondrous change and the presence of flowers in the homes has not been the weakest factor in this gracious development.

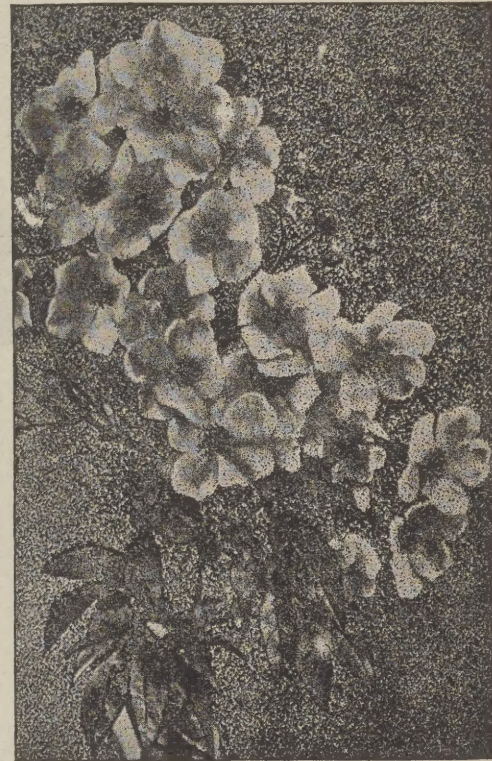
The Parson.

THE MUSK ROSE.—*Rosa Moschata*.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

This once famous Rose is still in evidence in Southern gardens. As a rule Washington City is the dividing line of what in general terms, are known as Northern and Southern gardens. South of Washington the Musk Rose is hardy and free. It is esteemed for its exquisite perfume which is not unlike the attar of Roses. The place it occupies is some corner where spring flowers bloom, for it makes no claims to ever-blooming qualities. "Musk Cluster" is its common dear and familiar name. The blooms are gathered and stored for pot pourri, the odor rendering the petals valuable for that purpose. Like the majority of spring blooming Roses, the Musk Cluster blooms all at once, producing largely more flowers, at a time, than the ever-bloomers, which are more gradual, not blooming in one out-burst altogether.

I do love an old Rose. Some essential point of excellence secures a perennial place in public favor for any Rose. Expert rosarians perfect so many new varieties, that all unworthy sorts are cast away and forgotten. Association may have something to do with the honor conferred through all advances of hybridization and improvement of Roses, but as said before, there must be some insignia of merit, as with the Musk Cluster with its own unequalled, exquisite fragrance, and very hardy constitution. Left alone in a corner of the garden, year after year, as spring opens, the two sorts, shell pink and white Musk Cluster Roses



ROSA MOSCHATA.

bloom in heavy corymbs, freighting the air with delicious perfume.

Looking back over many years wherein this Rose has been enjoyed and admired, I may say, with the poet:

"I love thee best,
Because I loved thee first."

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

I thought the sparrow's note from heaven,
Singing at dawn on the alder bough;
I brought him home, in his nest at even.
He sings the song, but it cheers not now,
For I did not bring home the river and sky;
He sang to my ear—they sang to my eye.

Emerson.

THE HERB GARDEN.—LAVENDER.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

A wind has blown up in favor of pot, sweet and medicinal herbs. Repeated inquiries come to us as to their commercial value, mode of culture and adaptability to certain latitudes.

The old time uses for herbs have been revived in many respects. Their aromatic properties are utilized for sachet powders and toilet waters, and essential oils extracted from them are used in domestic matters and in pharmacy. Amateurs find profit in cultivating them, but it is best to begin on a small scale, getting acquainted with the plants and learning the loss and profit, by experience that does not involve much loss.

The "Physic Gardens" of England are still kept up, and the Shaker communities of Kentucky depend largely upon the herb gardens. This proves that there is profit in the culture of herbs, which are various in yield. Sweet-scented, aromatic foliage and flowers, as well as barks, roots, and seeds, have distinctive value, one for one thing, one for another, and some valuable in combinations.

Lavender is one of the first to consider. It has more fame than any other of the sweet-scented herbs. The name, Lavender vera, comes from the Latin "lavare," to wash, given by the ancients who used the flowers to perfume the bath water. Our colonial ancestors brought lavender with them from the "Physic Gardens" of England, and in chests and presses where the household linen and wearing apparel were stored the dried flowers were strewn. They impart delicate perfume, and are particularly nice, in that the blooms are leathery in texture, drying or curing with the aromatic oil conserved in the tissues, so there is no crumbling of dried petals as is the case with flowers of lighter texture.

Our ancestors regarded lavender as useful and ornamental. They considered the flowering shrubs highly ornamental, and at this day their taste is approved. It is no mean ornament of the flower garden. The linear leaves are hoary and the spikes of blooms are of the peculiar greyish blue, lavender-tinted color known everywhere as "lavender." According to the strict rules of botany, lavender, rosemary and sage are not herbs, but by common consent are classed with herbs, which botanically are: "Plants with soft, succulent, not woody, stalks or stems."

Lavender in all sections is an under shrub, very prolific of blossoms. Every branch terminates in a spike of bloom. In the latitude of New Orleans it grows to nearly tree size, affording shade, and making a very handsome appearance among the choicest shrubberies. The commercial value of the flowers depends upon how the case is managed. If well cured, the proper channel of trade secured, and the flowers raised in sufficient quantities to invite offers, there is profit in lavender culture for amateurs, particularly for ladies.

To "cure" or properly dry the blooms, cut them when the first half of the spike is full blown and the buds on the end beginning to open. Tie them in bunches, and suspend heads down in a well-ventilated place, out of the sun. The blooms cure gradually in the shade, but in the sunshine dry rapidly, evaporating the aromatic oil. The plants bloom from May until the first of July heavily, and sparingly through the balance of the season. It is estimated that from twelve to twenty pounds of oil are produced from one acre of plants. Oil of lavender is one of the costliest and is much

esteemed in pharmacy. Lavender water, that is so popular, is made by dissolving the oil in spirits of wine. Druggists, perfumers and soap manufacturers buy the lavender flowers. Large, wholesale quantities are disposed of to better advantage than small collections.

For domestic use the cured blooms are cut with stems, and are laid in the folds of linens, cashmeres, and even among books and stationery. "Lavender sticks" are made by cutting long-stemmed blooms and, when dried, neatly tying them together at the upper end, and wrapping them with lavender colored baby ribbon, down to the tip ends, lightly binding three or four blooms into one. The baby ribbon is tied in long, loose loops at the lower end, and into a long loop at the upper end to suspend the sweet lavender flowers bound together, wherever they are to be placed. These lavender sticks are used in armoirs and closets, suspended among wearing apparel; and also they



JUNE ROSES.

are used in drawing rooms, suspended from the side of the etagere, the mantel bracket or chair.

The old time grace and sweetness of lavender commend it to culture, aside from its commercial value. The plants come readily from seeds, blooming the second year, and increasing in size and florescence indefinitely. They may also be had of any plant dealer. Lavender prefers sunny, well-drained locations and rich, friable soil, watered and mulched the first summer. After the first year of careful culture lavender is hardy and free in growth.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

ROSES FOR THE CEMETERY.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

For several years I have been observing the Roses in the cemeteries and noting the varieties that are not only suitable for this purpose

on account of their beautiful and delicate coloring, but for their hardiness as well. Our winters here will perhaps for two years be so mild and pleasant that some of our tender Roses would come through with little or no protection; then the third winter would be severe,—and often cold snaps will come without any snow, which is such a protection to plants left out—that only the very hardiest would survive; so in cemetery planting one would want those that are both blizzard and drought proof.

I have seen an old bush of Madam Plantier standing at the head of a dreamless sleeper, and year after year, through drought and the severest of winter weather, this has greeted me each spring as fresh and as sweet as ever. Once when the winter was so severe that even the peach trees were killed, this bush was killed back nearly to the ground but came out again beautifully in the spring. The flowers of this variety are pure white, very large, full and double. This is perhaps the best of all the standard Roses for the purpose. Newer white Roses are being introduced each year, and it is claimed that many of these are perfectly hardy, but then, several years' trial is necessary to prove their hardiness.

Paul Neyron is a grand pink Rose of the Hardy Hybrid Perpetual class. This is much used for cemetery planting and is an old, well-tried Rose and a very prolific bloomer, blooming all summer, which is very much in its favor, as so many of the Hybrid perpetuals bloom in May and June and then there is a dearth of flowers the rest of the year.

Mrs. John Laing is an exceedingly valuable Rose for this purpose, as it is a constant bloomer sending up its clear shining pink flowers the whole season. In addition to the delicate coloring and hardiness, the flowers are borne on long stems and are exceedingly sweet.

The Hardy Hybrids, as a rule, have large, very bright colored flowers, but in Mrs. John Laing we find an exception, as the coloring here is as dainty as in any Tea.

Gloire Lyonnaise is the nearest approach to yellow we have in this class, and this is white tinted with yellow. This has not only the dainty coloring and form of the Tea, but its sweet fragrance as well. Most people prefer the white for cemetery decoration, the bold glaring colors not being in keeping with their surroundings here, yet a few of the daintily colored flowers which are emblems of life and immortality are very appropriate. Three most excellent old white Roses, are Coquette des Alpes, Coquette des Blanches, and Perle des Blanches.

Laura Jones.

Kentucky.

Hinda:

You love the roses—so do I. I wish
The sky would rain down roses, as they rain
From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?
Then all the valley would be pink and white
And soft to tread on. They would fall as light
As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be
Like sleeping and yet waking, and all at once!
Over the sea, Queen, where we soon shall go,
Will it rain roses?

Fedalma:

No, my prattler no!

It never will rain roses: when we want
To have more roses we must plant more trees.
George Eliot in *The Spanish Gypsy*.

SOME SPECIAL PLANTS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Summer is the time when one may treat oneself with certain beautiful plants which do not thrive very well in the ordinary window-garden in winter. Coleus, for instance, is peculiarly a summer plant, requiring heat and sunshine for its perfection, and in the winter window-garden usually wearing out a disconsolate existence. But in summer what vigor it develops, and with what gorgeous hues it clothes itself. This plant is exquisite for sunny terraces or bedding upon open lawns. It requires no other plant to set off its glories, but is finest framed in the green turf.

A plant we always grow for veranda use in summer is the *Cissus discolor*. This is rarely seen, but it is one of the best for summer use. It is a native of Java, and revels in plenty of heat and a moist atmosphere. As we keep our veranda constantly damp in summer for coolness, it is an ideal place for this plant, and it becomes a thing of exquisite beauty before fall. The foliage greatly resembles that of a fine *Rex Begonia*, being of a plushy surface, crimson beneath, and marbled elegantly with green, cream pink, gray etc., above. It is of climbing habit, and we grow it on a circular trellis to which it clings something like a grapevine. Indeed, I believe it belongs to the same family. It requires a soil of leaf mold and loam, rich and light. We never spray the foliage, as wetting it causes the colors to fade, but moisture in the atmosphere is necessary. Gloxinias are so well known now that it is necessary no longer to keep giving cultural directions. Nearly every one is familiar with their elegant florescence. Achimenes, less widely known, but of almost equal beauty, require about the same treatment.

Rex Begonias thrive wonderfully for us on the warm, damp, rather shady veranda, where we grow the *Cissus*. Some of the new sorts not only have large luxuriant foliage like the *Rex* type, but display the loveliest blossoms as well, thus forming ideal plants to use where they will be closely inspected.

A plant that will attract a great deal of admiring attention in summer is the *Mesembryanthemum*, known as Ice Plant. One can hardly imagine the possibilities of this plant, who has not seen it under favorable conditions, which, by the way, rarely prevail in the window-garden, and never in winter.

Perhaps a leaf from experience may be convincing. There is an angle of the house near one of the doors which is wholly unshaded, and which acquires, about noon of a summer day, a temperature which is torrid, to say the least. This corner has been a source of dissatisfaction because nothing would thrive in it on account of the fierce sunshine which seemed to concentrate in that sheltered corner. But our list of experiments finally embraced the Ice Plant, and now this corner is an attractive place. The upper part of the

angle is covered with festoons of *Wistaria* which have been trained around a nearby corner where conditions for the roots were more favorable. This upper part is in shadow half the day from the hanging top of a crooked tree which stands in the back yard. Below, in the sunny space, we set a tub about a yard from the ground, and filled with rich soil, very sandy and pebbly. The soil was naturally poor, but was enriched by plenty of well decayed manure. In this tub we set three lusty Ice Plants, and they grew like Jack's Beanstalk. They soon hid the earth in the tub, spilled over the edge, and finally hung in heavy

quick-growing that one does not have to wait half the season to get an effect. While many members of the family are confessedly plebian, some of them are very delicate and beautiful. One year we had a *Cyclanthera explodeus* which elicited a good deal of admiration. It grew thirty feet high, and branched into multitudinous divisions covering an immense wall-space with its deeply-divided leaves, its feathery blooms, and later with its myriads of curious fruit. Another sort, whose specific name I do not know, greatly resembled English Ivy, and was often mistaken for an unusually vigorous specimen of that plant by those not very well acquainted with the floral world.

MRS. W. A. CUTTING.

FOR A WINDOW-GARDEN.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

If you wish nice plants for a window-garden next winter, take your cuttings and sow the seed now, to grow through the summer; by frost time there will be thrifty plants ready to bloom. The amateur's great mistake is to take slips late in the fall thinking they will grow. A florist uses small pots, shifting to larger as the plants become pot-bound. With me it always interferes with their growth, so I do not change more than twice, the last time not later than September first. Geraniums one year old give best results. Cut them back, trim the roots, put in good sized pot and do not change. If they bud too early pinch the buds out.

Hyacinths, tulips, narcissus and other bulbs wanted, should be ordered in August to be sent October first. Order by color. One will get more and just as good bulbs as when named. Pot them in chip dirt baked and sifted, set away in a dark closet or down cellar away from rats. Look after them once in a while to see they do not dry or throw themselves out in sprouting. The crown of Hyacinth bulbs, should be left out of the earth, an inch below the top of the pot. Press the dirt firmly about the bulb. Roman hyacinths can be forced for Christmas. My first Dutch are brought out New Year's day; others brought to light every two weeks. Place on the floor under the window-garden for a week, moving to strong light. Place a paper cone over the foliage to make a tall spike of flowers. A north window in a room adjoining

the sitting room fire is just the right temperature for bulbs. Poor bulbs and too much heat are the causes of failure.

Instead of spending money on so many picnics this summer, stay at home and rest, using the money to buy bulbs, and see next winter if one does not find more enjoyment and contentment in those beautiful fragrant flowers, sending a pot to the sick, others to church, and grange entertainments.

ELIZA BRADISH.

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.—Karr.

JUNE

Heigho! for waving orchards,
And ho! for crystal streams,
And ho! for fairest visions
Which come to us in dreams.
Fair fields of grain up-springing
With full-set, close-ranked corn,
Rich meed of promise bringing
Afresh with ev'ry morn.

Broad, billowy breasted meadows
A-slope to trout filled brooks;
Dim beauty haunted shadows
Which lurk in forest nooks;
Wood-dells which knew the tripping
Of lightsome, childish feet,
With old-time friends around us
To make the joy complete.

And Brownies, too, shall beckon
To dusky forest-dale,
Where fairies trip as ever
Beneath the moonbeams pale.
Here Mem'ry and Tradition
Weave ever sweetest lore;
Deep in the heart secreted
A gracious golden store.

Here all is fully fashioned,
Yet new born every hour;
The foliage in the forest;
The blossom in the bow'r.
Yet Queen, we wait thy coming,
Oh haste with footsteps fleet,
To bind earth's sheaf of music
In harmony complete.



Together we will wander
The meadow-dells we knew,
To pluck the wilding blossoms,
And drink their nectared dew;
We'll follow down the pathways
Which fall wh'er we list,
To keep as we aforesaid
Ere kept the old-time tryst.

To wreathe with woven garlands
The mighty monarch oak,
As we in hours of playtime
Our loyalty bespoke.
To read the names deep-graven
Upon his rugged bole,
Nor pause to reckon ever
How years behind us roll.

The sunshine is thy smiling;
The stars thy kindling eyes;
The winds thy garments trailing;
Thy hopeful glance—the skies.
The fields thy word prophetic;
The dew thy crystalized tear;
The blossoms, love's own kisses,
Which wait thee to appear.

O, come! the thrush is calling;
The world's abrim with mirth;
All things but wait thy coming
To make a throne of earth.
She comes! the hills re-waken
To sweet and sweeter rune,
The roses burst to blooming,
To crown thee, regnant, June.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine by Dart Fairthorne.

draperies studded with crystalline gems, and trailed upon the ground, weighted with richness. Four feet long, the luxuriant masses were, and the corner was all aglitter with the sparkle of the gemmed stems and leaves. The tub had no water except what heaven dropped into it, and often it seemed perfectly dry. But under these conditions it became one of the loveliest things I ever saw. Every one who saw it was amazed, and generally unable to believe that the plants were only Ice Plants.

Gourds must not be forgotten for summer effects. The coarser growing sorts furnish cheap draperies for many unsightly objects, and are so



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



IN A PERSONAL VEIN:—In taking charge of this department, I wish to say that my desire is to make it so helpful, practical and entertaining that the readers of Vick's Family Magazine will find that they cannot keep garden without it; and if this desire is realized to the fullest extent the readers of Vick's will have to give me their co-operation.

Is there any particular flower that you would like to have something written about? Is there any branch of floriculture which is not exactly plain to you? If so, explain the difficulty, and I will help you to the best of my ability.

It is my desire to encourage every one who loves flowers but whose gardening operations are not always successful. This being the case I want you all to feel perfectly at home on this page—consider it yours as well as mine. If you have questions to ask, I will answer them if they are concise and brief; if you have ideas as to the betterment of this department or any other department in the magazine it is the editor's request that you make them known. Often subscribers may suggest improvements which will not only help the magazine but themselves as well. If Vick's has been of any value to you throughout the year will you not return the compliment? It is a good plan to help yourself by helping others, and there are probably ten neighbors in your community who would be greatly helped if they were told a few facts about Vick's Magazine. If you cannot solicit subscriptions yourself, you can, at least, send in to the editor the names of a dozen persons who, you think, would be interested. Will you do this?

JUNE, THE MONTH OF ROSES:—This is one of the most beautiful months of the year, as well as one of the busiest. It is a joy to be alive and it is a joy to have a flower garden in which we may work. The roses will now receive our attention. The great, fragrant blossoms will be coming on in gorgeous array and they will keep us busy admiring them. There will be hordes of insect pests coming along at the same time; they will keep us busy fighting them.

Are the thrips, rose slugs and aphids getting more enjoyment out of the roses than you are? If so, make it plain to them that the plants were originally set out for your benefit and not theirs. Begin early in the month to go over each bush daily and examine thoroughly for insect pests. You will probably find them in more or less generous quantities, especially if your rose garden has reached some age. Thrips are easy to find; they are tiny whitish yellow insects, and jump around lively when disturbed. A good insecticide applied diligently, will cause them to jump less lively.

The aphid is light green, and you will find it clinging close to the base of the buds and along the flower stems. You may also find it adhering to new, young growth. It should be removed at once, as it sucks the juices from the plants and does them much injury. A good way to get rid of the aphid is to don a pair of tight fitting gloves and crush as many as possible between the thumb and finger; then give an application of your favorite insecticide. The buds will not be injured by this treatment if you handle them carefully, though of course, the pests may be removed more readily with the bare hand.

Rose slugs—the small light green "worms" that feed on the leaves and skeletonize a plant in

time, unless prevented—are not difficult to find and exterminate. They do their work chiefly at night, and during the day may be found hiding on the underside of the leaves; therefore, in hunting for them be thorough, and examine all parts of the plant. If you have plenty of time—and time is an excellent thing to have in the flower garden—it would be a good plan to remove as many of the slugs as possible by hand, for those that you kill will never trouble the roses again, while those that you treat to an insecticide may sometimes escape. During the evening is a good time to look for these pests, for then they are usually coming forth to begin operations.

Even though no insects are apparent at first, it is a good plan to apply an insecticide early in the month as a preventive for those that are preparing to come, as well as a cure for those that have already arrived. In applying an insecticide be thorough; do not leave half of a plant untouched as this would delight the insects, and give you no satisfaction. If you have a large garden containing many large plants, I would advise you to get a plant syringe, such as is advertised in most florist's catalogues. You cannot do good and thorough work unless you have such a convenience. The Tyrian bent neck plant sprinkler is all right for small plants, but for large specimens it will not do. The remedy you apply must be directed against the plant with sufficient force for it to "stick," and all portions of the foliage should be reached. Plant sprayers and whisk brooms will not do for this work; what you need is something that will throw insecticides and consternation among the enemy so thoroughly that they will be utterly discouraged and completely vanquished.

There are numerous remedies which will speedily convince the most persevering of insects that life is not worth the living. Whale oil soap, kerosene emulsion and fir-tree oil soap are excellent, but powdered white hellebore and Pears green are usually quite as effective. An ounce of the former should be dissolved in three gallons of water, and a teaspoonful of the latter in about the same amount of water will prove efficacious. Paris green, if fresh, is stronger than hellebore, and too large a quantity should not be used at once.

Do not content yourself with giving the roses one application of insecticide, even though it be a thorough one. Examine the bushes frequently and be on the lookout for the return of insects. When their work is apparent, give the bushes another drenching. In this way you can keep them clean, shining and new—a condition they would not enjoy if they were allowed to be overrun with insect pests throughout the month of June. This is usually the most productive month among the roses, especially if the majority of your plants are hybrid perpetuals. Teas and hybrid teas may do better later on than they have done yet, but none of them will do well if they are neglected and allowed to become the breeding places for future generations of insects. Keep down the plant enemies; don't allow them to flourish in your garden. If you have been to the trouble of setting out several bushes, do have enough enthusiasm to take good care of them. This may seem superfluous advice but I think it is often needed.

In applying insect remedies do not overlook the climbing roses, the mosses or the old-fashioned June roses about your yard; these are quite as subject to insect attacks as your other roses, and if

they are entirely neglected you may be assured that the enemy will find it out and take full possession of them. Therefore, give your less important bushes a spraying every time you tend to the others. Or, it might be a good plan to leave one inconsequential bush untouched until it is pretty well covered with slugs, etc., then go at it and vanquish large quantities of the enemy at once. This is only theory—I have never practiced it, though I don't see why it wouldn't work.

June is not too late to set out roses of the hybrid perpetual family or of any class, for that matter. However, tea roses should generally be gotten well under way by this time if they are to blossom all summer. Hardy roses planted now will usually reward one with flowers in the fall, and if care is taken in the selection of varieties, many of them will blossom more or less continuously throughout the season. In planting newly received roses, shade them well with newspapers or some other convenience, for a few days, if the sun is very hot. Water them thoroughly if the ground is dry. A good time to set them out is in the evening. Keep them in water until you get around to plant them, and plant them as soon as possible.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS:—The weeds will take possession of your flower beds, if you do not take possession of the weeds. Make it an aim, at least once every week, to go over the ground with hoe and weeder and eliminate everything that does not belong there. If weeds are allowed to go unmolested they not only crowd and choke the plants, but they also go to seed and produce dozens of similar weeds the next season. You can save yourself and your flowers a great deal of future trouble by getting rid of each weed as soon as discovered. Half the pleasure of a flower garden is in having it neat, trim, and free from weeds. During this month the seedlings that you have been raising in the hot bed or window garden, should be transplanted to the open ground. Generally there are no killing frosts after the 10th and the work may be accomplished satisfactorily. Have the ground enriched and spaded beforehand; mellow the soil well and rake it off smooth. Do the transplanting in the evening or on a day when the sun does not shine brightly. Water each plantlet thoroughly as you set it out and draw a little dry dirt up around it to retain the moisture. The next day it may be necessary to shade the seedlings with newspapers, and it will probably be necessary to see to them frequently, until they get big enough to see to themselves. During this month there is generally quite a bit of hot, dry weather, and unless you tend to them regularly the iron reservoir vases on the lawn are liable to suffer greatly from the lack of moisture. Water should be given frequently and thoroughly to plants in such receptacles, for the moisture dries very rapidly from the soil. You need not be afraid of giving them too much water, for in their cramped quarters the plants will absorb a great deal of moisture in a short time. The same may be said of plants in veranda boxes, and plants such as palms, ficuses, etc., that are placed around the verandas for ornamentation. These plants, together with ferns, abutilons, hydrangeas, etc., should be thoroughly showered every week and sometimes oftener. If the specimens are large do not depend on an ordinary whisk broom or plant sprayer.

A Bit of Discipline

By
I. McROSS

"I tell you I am tired of this!"

"Tired of what, Kathy?"

"Don't call me Kathy! It sounds like a name from some silly novel." Katharine Heath's slender figure trembled and her small hands were nervously locked together as she struggled with tears that threatened to overflow her brown eyes.

"I am tired of my married life! Tired of being your slave! Tired of you!" The words came like a torrent, tumbling over each other in mad haste to be spoken. Her husband, Robert Heath, stood leaning against the mantle, looking at her a moment, then, as gently as he would have spoken to a fretful child.

"Would you like to go home to your father's and stay awhile?"

"I want to go and stay always, where I will never see your face, hear your voice or feel the touch of your hand again."

He moved a little and a dainty bit of Venetian glass went with a crash to the hearth.

"There! You are always breaking something!"

He swept the fragments toward the grate, with his foot.

"Would you like a divorce with the privilege of marrying again?"

"A divorce, yes; marry again! Never! You forget the old adage of the burnt child. But I do not know upon what grounds to apply, you have never"—

"Never given you any grounds." He finished for her. "Perhaps I can help you a little; incompatibility of temper is the usual plea when no other can be found."

"It isn't so much incompatibility of temper as temperament. We have not a single thought, feeling or taste in harmony. Do sit down! You are so big and solemn it makes me nervous to see you standing there, glaring at me!"

He walked slowly behind her chair, and she exclaimed.

"There! Against my chair! I have told you dozens of times I would as soon you struck me as my chair."

As he seated himself by a table he knocked down a lacquer tray which fell to the floor with a clatter. His wife jumped, nervously.

"You are worse than the proverbial bull in a china shop. Can you not move without tipping over, or breaking something?"

"I have not the least trouble in my office." He smiled, whimsically; then, gravely:—"When would you like to go?"

"Now, as soon as possible."

"It is too late for you to go tonight. Tomorrow I shall go away upon business that will detain me a number of days, you can take your time to pack and move. You may, of course, take anything you please from the house—books, silver, china, bric-a-brac, particularly the bric-a-brac." Looking around the crowded room. Then he took out his purse. "I will give you all the money that I have with me; I will not let you have any more, then you will have the chance to apply for a divorce on the ground of non-support; I will at the same time, file a cross-suit on the ground of desertion."

"You! Why do you want a divorce?"

"For the same reason that you do," he replied, calmly.

"Do you expect to marry again?"

"I cannot tell."

"Perhaps you already have some one in view," she cried, jealously; then, as he did not answer:—"Is it Beth Prentiss? She said not long ago that you were her ideal of a model husband."

"Did she?" He looked pleased. "I have always thought her a lovely girl, but I must seem old to her."

"Of course," retorted his wife. And what loveliness can you see about her? Red hair, turn-up nose, bah! I admire your taste!"

"I was thinking of her disposition." He rose to leave the room:—"I will try to see Mr. Barrett, my lawyer, before I leave tomorrow morning. You will, of course, want alimony, and I am willing to give you anything in reason. You may, at any time confer with Mr. Barrett, then you will be under no necessity of seeing or hearing me again. Good night." As he went out of the room, he stepped upon one of the silken portieres and tore it partly from the pole; for once, his wife took no notice of the accident: she looked after him in surprise. What did he mean? For a long time her mind had been dwelling upon his awkwardness and many mistakes; she had chafed and fretted over his blunders, magnified his little faults and brooded over trifles until she really believed that she was tired of him and her home, and would be glad to leave, but she had not counted upon his acquiescence; he had taken her at her word, assisted her to burn her bridges, and now she began to look around for a loophole of retreat.

A whiff of cigar smoke stole upon her, and she rose to go to her room; at the foot of the stairs she could look into her husband's den. He was comfortably reading and smoking, the picture of ease and contentment.

The next morning Katharine rose early, and waited in her room for her husband; she was too willful and rebellious to go to him, besides she felt sure that he would come to her, he never yet had left her without a loving word and good-bye kiss. She heard the front door close, and sprang to the window; in his quiet, unhurried way, he was walking up the street, without a glance behind him or toward the window where his wife was pressing a whitening, wistful face.

Under her father's roof, Katharine tried to resume the thoughts, feelings and habits of her girlhood, but it was impossible. Then she tried to revive the emotions that had caused her to leave her husband, but instead, came memories of his patience, tenderness, and forbearance. She no longer thought of applying for a divorce, and was filled with dread of receiving notice that he had begun suit against her. She longed to see him, to beg forgiveness for her harsh words, but the remembrance of his ready acquiescence to their separation made it impossible for her to go to him.

It had been Robert Heath's custom to remember his wife's birthday with a bunch of roses—a rose for each year of her life; a year ago there was a

wee, white bud nestling among the roses; as he stooped to kiss her and the little daughter upon her arm, he had said, laughing happily.

"My two Katharines ought to have had their birthdays in June instead of December; think of my depleted purse when I have to buy seventy-five roses for mamma and fifty for my daughter!"

The little Katharine had not lived long enough to claim her second rose, and now another birthday had come to Katharine, but—no roses. All day she bore her weight of sorrow and remorse; in the evening she seized a few wraps, and, though the wind was blowing a gale and the air filled with fine particles of snow that cut like a knife, she hastened along the streets until she reached the house that she still called home. The shades had not been drawn and she could see her husband sitting in front of the open fire, enjoying his cigar and book, just as she had last seen him.

"He hasn't missed me." She sobbed; then she caught a glimpse of a bunch of American Beauty roses. "My roses! I must have them!" She sprang forward, and a gust of wind tore her hat from her head, whirled it high in the air, then sent it fluttering against the window; another puff took it to the doorstep and dropped it. Katharine ran up the steps after it, just as Robert opened the door.

"Katharine!"

"My hat, the wind blew it away," she gasped. Then she found herself in the house, in front of the fire, with Robert trying to take off her wraps. How big, and awkward, and clumsy his hands were! But O, how gentle and loving!

"How cold you are, Kathy!" and she did not scold at the name. He chafed her cold hands, talking to her as if she were a little child.

"My roses, how did you happen to get them?"

"I didn't 'happen', it is your birthday, you know," he answered, tenderly.

"Yes, but I was not here."

"I knew that you would come back sometime, and I hoped it would be tonight."

"How did you know that I would ever come back?" She looked up at him with all the old fire and spirit.

"I knew that you couldn't live without me to scold," he laughed.

"Robert!"

THE HAPPY WIFE.

You ask me why I'm happy when so many wives complain, And say their husbands only live to give them endless pain. My secret you demand to know, you've seen my happy nook, And you quiz me not a little, but—remember I can cook!

When other wives are envious, and tell my husband dear My gowns are very out of date, and at my wardrobe sneer, I have no fear, I only smile, I care not how I look! I know I've but to whisper—"Dear, remember I can cook!"

My love has often said to me, "My dear, I know you're plain, But married life with you, my sweet, has brought me naught but gain."

Let other women sing and dance, or even write a book, Yet you're above them all in charm—remember you can cook!"

And always when I'm begged by girls to tell them by what art I captured such a handsome man and won quite all his heart, I merely say, "My dears, I'm sure that all the pains I took, Was asking him to dinner—for remember I can cook!"

And all you modern women who are anxious to be wed, Be wise, throw up your arts and crafts, and learn to bake your bread.

For be certain that no husband will forget the vows he took, If his wife will only please him by remembering how to cook.

Selected.



BOBOLINK.

"June's bridesman, poet o' the year,
Gladness on wings, the bobolink, is here;
Half-hid in tip-top apple-blossoms he swings,
Or climbs against the breeze with quiverin' wings,
Or givin' way to 't in a mock despair,
Runs down, a brook o' laughter, thru the air."

James Russell Lowell.

As the spring months follow one another we think each one fairer than the one preceding it. Loveliest of all is June, with her birds and flowers, her fresh fruits and vegetables, and her cerulean sky.

It seems such a pity that we cannot eat enough rainy days to last us over the bright days! There are ever and always the cravings of nature to be satisfied no matter how feeble the soul becomes for time to expand. Fortunately fresh fruit and salads help out the country folk, but city dwellers often have to face delicious edibles and let them go because they cost so much. Lemons always come 'highest' when we crave them most for iced tea or lemonade, and so it goes.

We were asked by a bachelor-man the other day how to make toast. Our answer was, "before a wood fire, and while you wait." There is no item of food so often ruined in the preparation, as this apparently simple dish. It should not be cut too thick, should be made from stale bread, and the interior should be heated through before the outside is allowed to become a golden brown. This requires frequent turning. Very convenient toasters come for gas or oil stoves, and the turning can be accomplished on them even more easily than with a fork. The butter should be spread quickly and evenly, and the toast put on a hot plate, and kept hot till it is served.

We have also been requested to give some fruit drinks, "which may be used in a strictly temperance household." We are able to give several, all of them good and most refreshing. Peel and "eye" a nice pineapple and then grate or slice, or dice it. Add a quart of water and boil about fifteen minutes. Mash the pulp through strainer, and then through cheesecloth. Take the juice, add a quart each of sugar and water and boil ten minutes. While this is still warm add a cup of strong freshly made tea and allow it to cool. When cold add the juice of six lemons, a pint of fruit juice, either grape or strawberry which gives it a pretty color, and about two quarts of water. A few strawberries, mint leaves, or slices of banana may be added just before serving, when you also add a bowl of chopped ice.

In even so simple a thing as iced tea there is a right and a wrong way to make it. The right way is to take freshly made tea, sweeten it while hot and then set away to cool. Just before serving add the lemon juice and ice, and have a couple of lemons sliced thin to be added at the table. The juice of one lemon for each person served is a good proportion. A handful of strawberries or cherries gives a nice flavor and looks pretty.

Strawberry lemonade is also grateful on a hot day. Boil together one pint of sugar and one quart of water for fifteen minutes. When it is

cool add one pint of strawberry juice, the juice of three lemons and a quart of water and some chopped ice. Fruit juices are so useful in many ways that we rejoice in any labor-saving device to get them, and use a fruit press. Many old housekeepers claim that currant jelly made from the pressed fruit is not so clear as when it is allowed to drip, but it seems to us that ours is just as clear a ruby color as when the flannel bag was operated.

For the past few years we have made a great deal of gooseberry jam, and find it the most useful variety we have. To be sure it takes a good deal of sugar, and it is very "nubbing" work to pick off the flower and stem end, but the next winter you consider it work well spent. There is a certain acid currant jelly made in France in the town of Bai-le-Duc, and called by that name, which has been much esteemed the past few years as a course for dinners, served with cream cheese and crackers. This jelly is thin and costly and does not compare with gooseberry marmalade served in the same way. You want a delicate cracker, unsweetened of course. It makes a very nice dessert for Sunday night tea or comes in well for lunch. We have never yet come across a person who did not like the combination. The receipt for the jam is as follows: Use three quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Put them in the kettle in layers. After they are somewhat heated crush the fruit a little with a wooden spoon, then put on the fire and cook till it is a thick mass. Be very sure you do not take it off too soon, as in that case the skins will be leathery. Stir it frequently; when it has become tender, and clear, put a little on a plate and if it thickens it is done. It is convenient put in tumblers, and does not require to be hermetically sealed. We should add that this gooseberry is also very nice as a filling for tarts served with cream.

The tendency is toward less rich preserves than in former days. Pound for pound preserves are no longer considered necessary, and last summer we heard a group of famous housekeepers discussing their various methods. Full half of them had added water to their currant jelly, "with fear and trembling" as one admitted, but it turned out all right. Little yellow tomatoes such as are sometimes grown in old-fashioned gardens and rarely found in markets these days, are a base for a beautiful clear golden jelly. It is no end of labor, requiring much "fussing," as the maker of it says, and must be spiced "to taste." It is very pretty to look at however.

A good way to prepare rhubarb for winter use is also simple. Cut the stalks into lengths the height of the glass jar, pack them in loosely and fill the jar with cold water. Place them in a boiler on a board or rack, and put the covers on, but do not screw them down. Fill the boiler with cold water almost to the top of the jars. After the water in the boiler comes to a boil, keep the rhubarb in it half an hour longer. Screw the covers down as soon as they are cool enough.

Although in altering the daily bill of fare for summer we lay aside the soup kettle, still occasions arise when we like to use a soup. We give a very delicate one, which is easy to make when vegetables are plenty, left over ones working in, instead of those freshly prepared. It is called Creole soup, and may be made as follows: Boil young peas, asparagus tips and small dice of carrots until they are tender. Drain off the water in which they were cooked and add enough more to make a quart. Cook in this quart a few sticks, or tops, or roots of celery, put through a sieve, and season to taste with pepper and salt. Add a pint of scalded milk and cook for ten or fifteen minutes, stirring constantly, and put in slowly three tablespoonfuls of flour diluted with cold milk. When it is quite smooth stir in the yolks of two eggs and do not let it come to a boil. Be sure it is agreeably seasoned, then add the vegetables and serve with bits of fried bread or hot crackers.

The question of summer boarders is one that sometimes arises in farm houses, and we have heard farmers' wives often declare they would gladly take them if they knew what would be acceptable for food. We can guarantee that there would be a "waiting list" of considerable proportions if all canned vegetables and puddings and pies were banished from the bill of fare. Of course this would necessitate preparing and working a vegetable garden. Even so, and adding the products of the dairy, hennery, and most important of all, an icehouse, a reasonable profit can be expected at the end of the season, provided the boarders do not number more than twelve, and though the rate is as low as five dollars a week.

Many country people do not dream how their city cousins long for fresh spinach, young beets, peas, beans, corn, and tomatoes, picked fresh while the dew is still on them. Nor how grateful they would be for them even plainly boiled and agreeably seasoned. Add to these fresh eggs, berries and fruit, milk and cream and you have a larder which cannot be rivalled. If the mistress of the house has a natural gift for "tossing together" ingredients, of knowing just when and just how to bake and brew, her table will always be well filled. We are too dependent upon our palates, and the knowledge of a place where a good table is spread travels far and wide. There is an old saying that "good wine needs no bush," and a boarding house where a good table is set need never spend a cent upon advertising. Imported dainties rare and costly are not the materials that are sought, but common inexpensive food products, so cooked and served that they are relished.

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There are cookies with caraway seeds,
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All flavored with honey dew,
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Like elephants, dogs, or mice—
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On this tree is sweet and nice.

Little Folks.

Rachel's Spectacles.

There wasn't anything the matter with Rachel's eyes, even when you came to look well into them. They were just soft, pleasant, dark blue eyes with a merry gleam in their twelve-year-old depths. As for the spectacles, she had never worn any.

In fact it wasn't what other people saw in Rachel's eyes that made them remarkable. It was what she herself saw with them. Ever since she was a year-old baby trying to catch sunbeams on the floor, mamma and grandma and all the aunties were continually exclaiming: "How much that child does see!"—and they would peer curiously into the little laughing blue orbs as if to discover the fairy spectacles they jokingly declared must be there.

When she got big enough to run out of doors she was always sure to notice something nobody else did. It might be the soft shading of a flower petal, or the shifting hues of a sunset cloud. All God's beautiful things showed themselves clearly to her just because she loved them all so dearly. When she grew older and there were baby brothers and sisters to take care of, there were so many things those spectacles helped her to see and do for them, that poor, tired, worried mamma often said she did not know what she should do without her Rachel. Five boys and girls in one little brown house were a good many; and all their books and work and games had to be brought into one not very big sitting-room. Mamma loved her boys and girls but she often had bad headaches that left black circles around her eyes and made her feel nervous.

Rachel was thinking it over one day while she sat rocking the baby to sleep. Mamma's birthday would come in a month, and Rachel had two bright silver dollars, saved a bit at a time for a whole year past, to buy a pretty present for her.

"Let me see! what shall it be?" crooned Rachel to baby Jack as she swung the cradle to and fro. All at once she thought of the very thing—and nearly rocked over backwards with delight as she sang softly:

"Go to sleep, go to sleep, little Jack Horner!
I'm going to make mamma a nice birthday corner,
And put Grandma Bassett's old rocking chair in it;
So, baby, go straight to Bye Low this minute."

That afternoon after the dinner dishes were washed, Rachel wanted to know if she might take the children to play in the attic as it was a rainy day; and she saw at once, thanks to the spectacles, that mamma had a bad headache coming on and needed a nap. Besides Rachel wanted to hunt up some old pieces of furniture stored up under the eaves. An old-fashioned folding clothes horse was one. Grandma Bassett's rocking chair without a seat another, and a small shaky table with a drawer and a shelf underneath, was just what she was most hoping to find.

When papa came out from work that night Rachel went out into the woodshed where he was splitting wood by the light of a lantern and they had a long talk together over the chopping-block. The next day she wrote three letters; one to Aunt Abby, one to Aunt Ruth, and one to Aunt Ida. A week later she went into town with papa one morning and they had all sorts of queer packages in the market basket when they came back. And after that Rachel took the children up to the attic oftener than ever, and kept them busy making them think they were helping her by giving them each a little present to make for mamma's birthday. Such good times as they did have up in the attic; and it was so funny to hear the baby tongues trying to keep from telling what they had been doing when they came down to supper!

Papa went up there, too, in the evening, "to scare the rats away," he laughingly declared, when the children wanted to know what he had been hammering and sawing—and mamma enjoyed the mystery more than anybody; but she only smiled and did not ask any questions.

Mamma's birthday came on the first of October and early on the morning of that day arrived Uncle Ezra, with the double wagon, to carry her and the children over to Aunt Abby's to spend the day. Baby Jack had a cold, so Rachel, who meant to stay behind anyway, at once said she would remain at home with him, though mamma felt sorry to have her do so. When the wagon was well out of sight, the little girl set joyfully to work. First she chose the snug corner nearest the fire, and covered the dark wall paper with bright cretonne curtains all abloom with carnations, pink and red. When they were tacked into place, Rachel fastened close to the upper edge of one curtain, a lovely picture called "A Yard of Roses," that her Sunday school teacher had given her;

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THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

Thoughts of Mother.

"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight,
Make me a child again just for tonight!
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!"

You have all read or sung these exquisitely pathetic words, quoted from an old poem never rivaled in all these years, for the pathos and yearning thus revealed is that which, sooner or later, wrings every feminine heart as loneliness, sorrow, cruel neglect or unjust gossip touches the sensitive inner self, and the need of a real sympathizer suddenly flashes appallingly as lightning across the darkened skies—for mother is gone!

Thoughts For Mother.

Then, if to be a mother is to fill the innermost core of hearts, can another life-work be found in which so vital a need and so irrepressible an homage exists as this for mothers? Yet, we American mothers do not compare favorably in our estimate of motherhood with many less enlightened nations. As a duty we assume it with heroism—what if as a privilege it became a delight? In such fashion did those old-time Jewish women think as they clasped their babes in tender arms to pride-filled hearts.

Joy and gratitude often come after baby's arrival and chase away the gloomy fears long entertained. It may be, someday, that these emotions shall precede and bless, and develop by love and high ideals the hoped-for child. The times are against us; modern needs are fixed by modern customs; women are so physically exhausted and fretted that those sweet soul-blossoms can not thrive. Each child, she wearily calculates, is so much more burden to carry, so much less time. She longs for—rest. Jangled nerves crave for quiet.

Enslaved Mothers.

"All that I am, my mother made me" said a great man whom all the world honored. Theirs were but the circumstances peculiar to the great middle class. Some people are gifted naturally with an ability to rise above obstacles. Some women manage to raise a large family with refined manners far away in isolated prairie homes minus all luxuries. Some mothers teach geography, etc., as solidly and more pleasantly than is done at school, and with homely domestic objects

afford true Kindergarten development to the wee tots, make Sunday a "happiest day." Keep a smile in daily use to warm hearts, but never seem hurried or worried.

Now, I protest, these are emancipated women—such as think clearly and independently, act quickly, speak pleasantly and never let things enslave them. "Things" are those unsuspected trifles which fritter away time and absorb our best energies. Each individual must judge for herself what duties are of vital importance. As a rule those things can be dispensed with, which cause us to be too weary to be kind or true to our inner self. Mere Things, remember! yet our ambitious desire for them blinds us to the visions we have seen in quiet moments of a holier ideal, a grander ambition. These "things," are stones tied about our necks making it a weary failure to climb up and strangely easy to slip down.

Did our grandmothers load their rooms with trifles, their tables with "courses," their persons and children with wonders of dress and vagaries of fashion—and their husbands with debts? Oh for those days of repose, and respect for law and order! Ye old time housekeeper with her keys, the mother who regarded her children's conduct and truthfulness more than their appearance—how bewildered

would they be in these whirling days.

"Be wise as serpents, harmless as doves." How can you understand children whom you are "too busy" to talk with about life? Are you making your children's opinions, or are outsiders? "All that I am my mother made me."

The Mother as Nurse.

The nursing baby becomes a serious drag upon its mother after the first six months and in the enervation of June's warm days this is felt more than any other month. A great thirst is common; to drink much or very cold water is not doing baby good and in the summer one should avoid all causes of mischief. Let one who, though delicate, nursed six children, speak from experience.

In winter it is an excellent idea to use cocoa, milk, honey, etc., and warm gruels, to increase quality and quantity of milk. No wilder scheme ever existed than to drink copiously of tea for this purpose. No wonder such children early crave solid "tastes"—they are hungry because the milk is diluted. Coffee is sure to decrease the quantity. And beer, wine, etc.,—oh, mothers, do not push your very babes into saloons! You are not fond of it, of course; then I beseech you help form one generation which craves no stimulants, and let one happy generation intervene ere that curse which in the fourth or sixth generation may result in idiots, habitual drunkards, born criminals, and degenerates, shall garner a harvest which you helped to sow?

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Decide for yourself. There is nothing so grateful in hot weather as pure grape juice. Lemonade would sour on baby's stomach but you may nurse baby with greatly added benefit if you use pure grape juice and still find a personal pleasure in its use. It is

delicious in any form, in soda, with ice cream, phosphate, or added to egg-nog. Here is what one feeble woman was ordered to use, three times daily, and not only helped her baby by so doing but grew strong herself.

One fresh egg was well beaten, slightly sweetened, some cool milk was added, and grape juice to taste. The result was delicious. She had refused to use wine, port or claret, and the doctor laughed. Truly, the unfermented grape juice is far better, but wine is what people seem to expect to have prescribed."

Space does not allow me to set forth the peculiar qualities of various brands of pure grape juice as now before us in every drug store. Still there exists strong reason for preferring Welch's Grape Juice. I wish all would write for their literature and read for themselves. Remember I have had some unusual opportunities to test it on feeble, thin children. In our house it supplies the place of fruit and coffee at breakfast, or is an accompaniment to cereals and fruit. As a spring tonic it has no rival—I know this is a fact. As a summer beverage it is always a delight. I am satisfied to make my own root beer, to bottle currant or any other fruit juice, but for grape juice home skill is so inferior and the vital good of the grape seems so altered by strong heat that its power to build up the weak is much less, so that I find it economical to buy Welch's if only because of preventing doctor bills.

Convalescents speak of a "craving"—it is simple enough. Nourishment is needed for nerves starved by illness and low diet. Wine stimulates to a strong feeling—only a feeling. The grape juice is as grateful, it speedily builds and truly nourishes. Why teach the convalescent to believe he must have wine?



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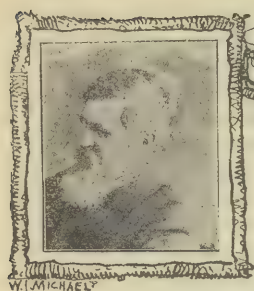
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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

MULCHING BUSH FRUITS.

Did you ever think how nature does to produce the luscious berries that grow on many of the wild bushes? All who have gathered wild blackberries, raspberries, and other kinds, know how soft, juicy and delicately flavored they often are. They also know that such berries grow beside some old rotten log or in a thicket or corner where the winds have swept the forest leaves into piles about the bushes, thus mulching them thoroughly. Now, this is a hint to the berry grower as to what he should do.

Mulching makes the ground both moist and cool underneath, and this is just what berry plants need. The fruit requires considerable water to help it to properly develop, and the growing bushes must have it to prepare for another year's fruitage. If the ground is bare and hard, as it often is in our berry patches, these natural demands are not met, and consequently, there must be a failure in proportion to the lack.

We can do a great deal to bring about right results, by putting under and about the bushes some coarse material that will afford the right conditions. Old hay or straw is good. I have used refuse from sorghum mills with good effect. Coarse manure is excellent, because it not only keeps moisture in the soil but it enriches it as well. This is done in a measure by all mulch but the richer it is in plant food the better.

Almost any time of year is suitable for applying the mulch. I have tried it almost every month, and have never found a time when it did any damage nor when it did not have a very beneficial effect. In mid-summer, when the weeds are growing and the young canes are a foot or more high, is a good time to mulch. One can with a fork, dexterously lay the mulch in the rows, so as to smother the weeds and protect the plants.

Mulching not only causes vigorous growth but it often prevents the fruit from drying up on the bushes, or at least, from being small and seedy. A drouth often occurs just when the berries are filling out and ripening, and if the ground is covered with a good coat of mulch over the roots, there will be very little ill effect upon the crop. I have repeatedly had the experience and know both the profit and loss. Let those who have never mulched their bush fruits give the plan a trial this year. Take manure fresh from the stable if need be, or any old stuff that may be handy. It will be surprising what large and delicious berries or currants will repay you for a little timely attention. *H. E. VanDeman.*

POTTING STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

Those who have small places will find that potted Strawberry plants are very convenient and useful. Where one wants to set a few rows of this fruit after spring vegetables, or, for any reason, after mid-summer and yet have a crop the next year, it can be done by using such plants. The whole matter is very simple, but it is necessary that the potting be done well and at the proper time in order to obtain good results.

Common four-inch florists pots are large enough and sometimes a smaller size is used, but it is desirable to have room for the development of a

strong root system, and this cannot be done in a very small space. I have seen old pint and quart berry boxes used for this purpose and sometimes pot-shaped cones of pasteboard or building paper.

When the runners begin to grow freely on the old plants is the time to begin potting them, which is usually in June. It is the early runners that make the strongest plants and these are what we desire. They have time to develop vigorous roots, leaves and fruit buds, and this the late ones cannot do so well. The soil should be well stirred and enriched, too, if it is not already in good tilth. It must be loose and suitable in every way for the growth of plants, or the runners will do little good after they are potted. Dig out and plunge the pots within reach of the newly setting plants, fill them with soil and on the top of each place one of the ends of the runners, when it is beginning to send out roots or about ready to do so. A little soil or a pebble will keep it in place until its roots take hold. If rains are not timely, it will pay to supply water enough to make the young plants grow.

When they are well established and the ground is ready to receive them, it is a very easy matter to move them. They may be set without any check to their growth, if a little care is used to keep the ball of soil from falling off the roots as it comes out of the pot. After watering and covering slightly with loose soil, there is nothing to do except cultivate thoroughly to the end of the growing season. Such plants ought to produce a good crop of fruit the following season, and there will be some younger plants about the transplanted ones that may bear some also; in case they were allowed to set.

H. E. VanDeman.

WATERING TREES AND SHRUBS.

The watering of trees, vines and shrubs in drouthy seasons is often done in such a way as to injure them. Ordinarily the water is run onto the soil, or thrown upon it.

This method is bad. It causes the surface soil to "cake," and in that condition it increases the capillarity, or water-conducting power, of the dirt. That means that whatever moisture may be in the soil and subsoil will pass upward more rapidly, evaporate and be lost. Instead of hardening the surface soil around trees, it would be better, in drouthy seasons, to break it up into a dust-mulch, in which form it checks the evaporation of the soil and subsoil moisture.

The best method of supplying water in orchards, vineyards and small-fruit gardens is to pour the water into holes driven into the soil near the roots. A pointed hardwood stick will answer to make the holes in soft ground. Crowbars will serve where the ground is hard.

Water thus supplied will reach the subsoil, spread through it in the natural veins, and reach the roots and fibrils from below. As the water ascends by capillary attraction, it will dissolve the plant-food and supply it to the roots. No hardening of the surface soil results from this mode of supplying water to the trees.

New York Farmer.

FRUIT GROWING AND POULTRY.

Many farmers are so situated that they can engage in two branches of light farming to considerable advantage. With a proper arrangement of buildings and yards it is quite possible to make poultry raising and fruit growing combine profitably. If small fruits are grown extensively it will be necessary, of course, to keep the poultry yards at some distance from the fruit plantation, but where orchard fruits are grown, considerable saving can be effected by building a portion of the poultry yards in the orchards. It is not a good plan to build the houses in the orchards, but some portion of the ground devoted to runs should extend under the trees. When arranged in this manner, especially if the orchard is young, the ground between the rows can still be cultivated to advantage. In no case should the cultivation of the orchard be sacrificed.—*T. R. Jennings in Climate and Crops.*

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EDITORIAL.

Give fools their gold; give knaves their power;

Let fortune's bubbles rise and fall;

Who sows a field, or trains a flower,

Or plants a tree is more than all. —Whittier.

Ants often take possession of flower beds, and persistently refuse to be driven away. A correspondent recommends the use of carbolic acid as a remedy. Drop a small quantity of the liquid on the ground here and there, taking care not to put any on the plants. It is said the ants will leave a bed which has been treated in this way and never return.

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Correspondents often forget, also, to give their state. Now, when there is but one postoffice of a given name in the whole United States, it may not be a difficult matter to find our correspondent's state; but sometimes there is a postoffice of the same name in nearly every state in the Union, and it takes a great deal of time to look through the files until we find the right one. It would seem as if every one would realize the importance of giving his full address everytime he wrote, but many do not, and much aggravation of spirit is

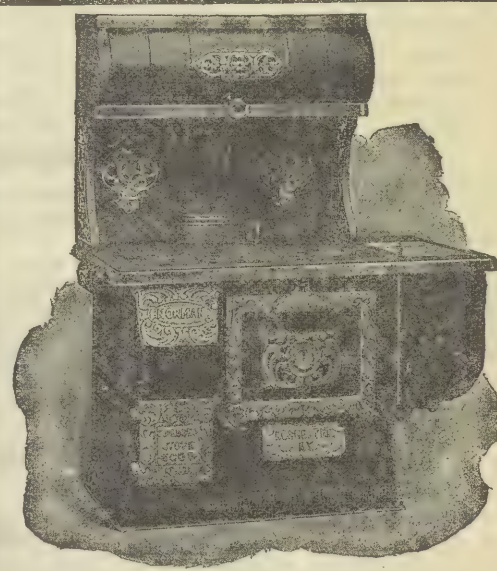
the result on both sides, for how can we grant a correspondent's request, or answer his letters when we don't know where he lives? *Don't forget to give postoffice and state every time you write.*

We are glad to note that the movement toward the improvement of school grounds was not a mere passing fancy, but a deep and abiding interest in making the surroundings of our school houses more pleasant and attractive. In many cities great improvements in this respect have been made, and great interest in the matter has been aroused. It is to be hoped that there will be no decrease in the efforts toward this end until every schoolhouse in the country is made cheerful, comfortable and attractive both inside and out.

In the cities and large towns the efforts toward improvement do not fall entirely upon the principals and teachers of the schools, though where they are apathetic it is more difficult to make progress in the matter. But in the country schools, by necessity, if anything is done in this way it depends almost wholly on the enthusiasm of the teacher. The majority of our country school houses are proverbially desolate on the inside, and, to say the least, unattractive in their surroundings. It would be a glorious ambition for every teacher of a country school to institute such improvements as would tend to make her school house the most attractive in the county. Such things have a deep and abiding influence on the pupils, and the educational work done inside will be made incalculably better by the refining influences of pleasant surroundings. Next to patriotism, we believe that a love for nature, for plants, trees and flowers, should be inculcated in our schools. If a teacher loves these things, the pupils will be almost unconsciously taught to love them also, and their whole future lives will be influenced toward the pure and good. If you only expect to be connected with a school for a year; try to do something for the improvement of its surroundings and so inspire your successor to continue the good work begun.

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By Charles H. Ball—(Continued from May issue)

"It's so kind of you to ask me," she went on, still hesitating. "What shall I wear?" was her distressing problem.

Burnham was not used to refusals.

"When shall we go?" he persisted.

She smiled, but she had decided.

"To-morrow afternoon, if you wish."

Burnham puzzled long over the cause of her hesitation, and reached no satisfactory conclusion.

"Perhaps she doesn't care to go," he reflected. "These falls must be an old story to her, just like that foolish Indian legend. But how well she told the story. Ahwanda, old boy, may you rest in peace, and you, O, fair White Dove, may you wing your flight to the happy hunting grounds, never more to haunt Big Falls."

When the two young people returned from their drive the following day, Ezra was awaiting them. The sight of Burnham assisting Martha from the smart trap with its red wheels was almost more than his primitive nature could bear. He sat stolidly whittling a pine stick; no word of greeting escaped his lips. Conversation was at low ebb, in spite of the girl's efforts, and both men were uncomfortable.

"When ye goin' back to New York?" Ezra suddenly asked, with aroused interest.

"Oh, in a few days," was the reply.

"We shall be very sorry to have him go, won't we, Ezra?" and Martha turned to him appealingly.

"Some of us will," was the sententious answer.

Ezra showed no disposition to leave the field, and after a few awkward moments Burnham said good by.

No sooner had the "city chap" gone than Ezra sprang up and paced back and forth excitedly, waving about him the stick he had been whittling.

"Marthy" he cried, "I don't want ye to have nothin' more to do with that city feller. He's hangin' 'round here all the time. Ye've knowed me for years, ever sence ye was a baby. We've growed up together. Now ye don't scarcely look at me. I say it's got to stop. I ain't goin' to have it no longer."

"Stop, Ezra!" The girl was pale and trembling and her eyes flashed. "What right have you to speak so? I shall choose my friends without your advice, and when I want your help I'll ask it."

She hurried toward the house, but, reaching the door, stood irresolute. She turned, as if regretting her words, but it was too late. Ezra was gone.

Not far from the foot of the mountain the roadway was skirted by bushes and low trees, and in this hiding place one evening Ezra awaited Burnham.

A bottle of "moonshine liquor" nerved the hand that held a stout pine club. Ezra had seen Burnham pass

up the mountain, and he watched patiently for his return.

Burnham was long in coming, but at last Ezra saw him in the distance.

He came closer, still closer, and then Ezra sprang from his ambush. He was a moment too late. Burnham's ear caught the crackling of a twig behind him. He made an athletic spring to one side and avoided the blow. There was a sharp struggle, and Ezra lay upon the ground, Burnham's knee upon his chest.

"Now, Mr. Ezra, perhaps you'll explain. I could very easily choke off your wind, but I don't know that it's worth while."

"Oh, for God's sake, Mr. Burnham," whined Ezra, "don't kill me. I never done you no harm."

"You took rather a strange time and place for a social meeting. And that club, what did you intend to do with that?"

Ezra's spirit of resistance was gone. He answered brokenly: "It'd been all right if you hadn't come. I can't stand it to see you get her away from me."

Burnham took his knee from Ezra's chest.

"So that's it, is it? Well, get up and let's talk it over. I shall have a few words to say first. Meanwhile, I'll hang on to this stick."

"Now, do you believe in the bottom of your heart, after what you have tried to do to me, that you are just the kind of a man for a girl like Miss Dawson?"

Ezra made no reply. He was dispirited and crestfallen; his clothes were covered with dirt, his hat gone.

"I'm sorry you tried to do me up, Ezra. It's your kind of warfare, I suppose. Listen to me. You say you love her, and I don't doubt it. I'll be frank enough to say I love her, too. You have known her all your life, while I have known her only a week.

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"If she hears about this," Ezra answered dubiously, "she won't give me no show at all."

"She'll never hear of it from me, and if you are agreed to my plan there's my hand on it."

He reached out his hand, but Ezra held back.

"It ain't because I don't want to shake hands," he said. "Mebbe she'd be happier with you. You've got money and everythin' else, and I ain't got nothin' to give her—nothing' but myself, and I ain't much account. But I always thought she was meant for me. We growed up together, and I never could see no other way—"

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Burnham pressed his lips together firmly. It was a minute or two before he spoke.

"You make me feel like a criminal, Ezra, but I can't drop from her sight without a word. Perhaps she'll take you any way. You never can tell what a woman will do. And as for money and all that I leave such things out of consideration. I wouldn't try to buy her favor. If you win I'll be the first to congratulate you. We'd better not talk any longer. You'll find me at the hotel all day."

It was Ezra who held out his hand this time.

"I jest want to say one thing, and I can't say it like I want to, but I don't want ye to lay all this up agin' me. I must a' been crazy to try to lay out a man like you. I'll try to see her in the mornin' and then come to see you. If I ain't there by two o'clock you'll know it wa'n't no use."

It was long after midnight when they shook hands and separated.

Burnham was late at the breakfast table. The waiter handed him a note written in a clumsy, unfamiliar scrawl. He spelled out these words:

"I am a goin' away this mornin', early, and I ain't comin' back for sum time. You kin do as you please bout that mater we spok of last nite."

"Ezra Owens."

Burnham sat motionless for a few moments, the note clutched tightly in his hand. Then he walked toward the window and gazed abstractedly at his mother and two or three young women, who were gathered about her upon the veranda enjoying the fresh morning breeze. Turning away, finally, he folded the note and placed it in his pocket. Then he joined the ladies outside.

"Mother," he said, "I am going to take a little drive this morning, and I may not be back to luncheon."

"Up the mountain, Paul?" she asked, while the young women smiled.

"Well, yes," he replied carelessly, "I rather think so."

The White Dove's face is seen no more in the waters below Big Falls. Curious visitors from far and near go away disappointed. It is Burnham's theory, oft repeated to his wife, that the Indian maiden, envious of the married happiness of a certain youthful matron, has gone to seek Ahwanda in the ancestral hunting grounds.

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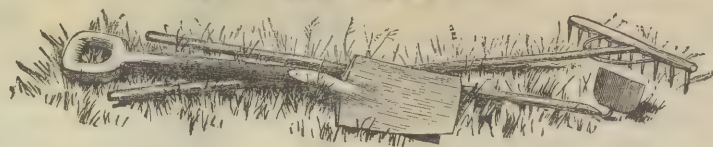
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in the root and stalks nearest the root, and often kills the vine when half grown. The first indication of trouble is when the vine wilts badly during the middle of the day, but recovers at night for several days, but finally dies. When but few are raised the vines can be opened at the diseased spot, the borer be removed and the vine bound up. The only preventive known is, when the vines have reached a length of two or three feet, to cover the joints nearest the root with moist earth; then if the root is killed the vine with the new roots will live.

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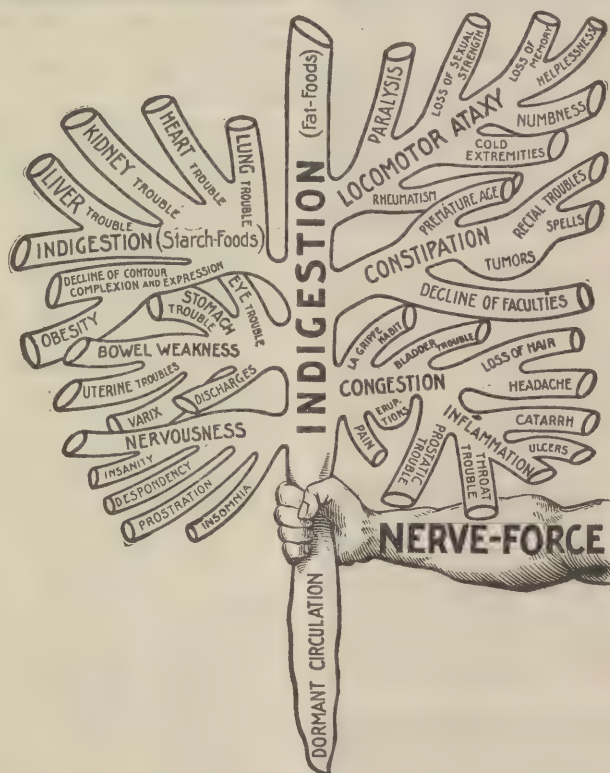
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Where the gold and crimson meet,
And August a tiger lily,
Tawny with passion and heat;
But June is the rose of the world,
Precious and glowing and sweet!

Fair is the flush of the dawning
Over the face of the sky;
Sweet is the tangle of music
From wild birds fluttering by;
Brilliant the glow of the sunset,
And graceful the bound of the deer;
Glad is the laugh of the children
Ringing like joybells clear;
But what can compare with thy beauty,
O red, red rose of the year!

Kansas City Journal.

Larkspur as an Insecticide.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Some years ago I read an article in some paper, about the use of larkspur to kill potato bugs, but I don't remember the name of the paper—nor who wrote the article. As I remember, it was like this: The man had a number of young plants of perennial larkspur, and after setting as many as he wished in his garden, still had quite a good many left. He did not want to throw them away, as they were nice plants, so set them out in a row on one side of his potato field, where there happened to be unused space. He thought they could stay there till he wanted them elsewhere. Sometime afterwards, when looking the field over, he found quantities of dead bugs on the ground around those larkspur plants. He was astonished, and began to examine and watch. He found the bugs would leave the potatoes for the larkspur, eat the leaves and die. It poisoned them.

After some observation and experimenting, his advice was: set plants of the perennial kind around the edge of the field, and scatter seeds of the annual varieties among the hills. Put the seeds in the hills, not between, so they will not be destroyed by cultivating. I have spoken about this to several farmers but can get no one to try it. I even gave one friend a paper of seed, but on inquiring about it afterwards, I was told "they didn't come up!" Perhaps not, but I wonder if he would know the plants if he saw them. It seems to me the thing is worth trying, and if it proves to be as described it would save a deal of trouble; spraying or dusting would not be necessary with attendant danger of poisoning.

Larkspur is known to be an insecticide, and if it would kill potato bugs it would be a blessing. If there was any danger of its becoming troublesome as a weed, the flowers could be kept cut.

Lucy Munger.

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In making a selection of a breed, I would choose one with plumage of a single color. This I believe is better for the beginner as he can make better progress in mating them than he can with those having a mixed plumage. One who is going in for eggs as well as

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In making a start I would purchase stock in preference to eggs. This way saves time, and when we are better able to get just what we want, I would patronize some well known breeder, generally one that makes a specialty in the breed selected. By so doing I have almost always been able to secure better birds than when I bought of a man who kept several varieties. Still another important matter, and this is, willingness to part with a reasonable amount

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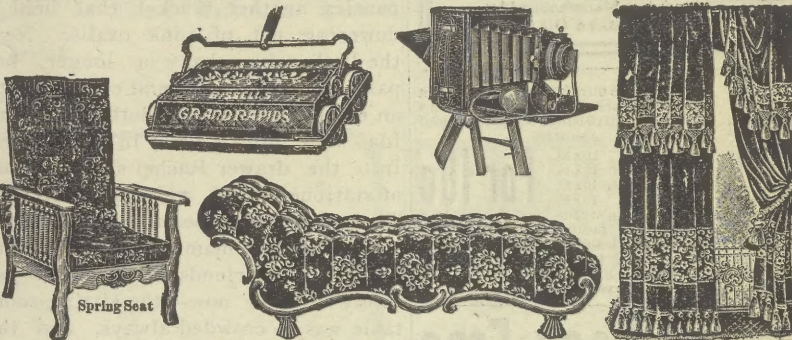
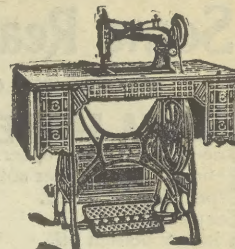
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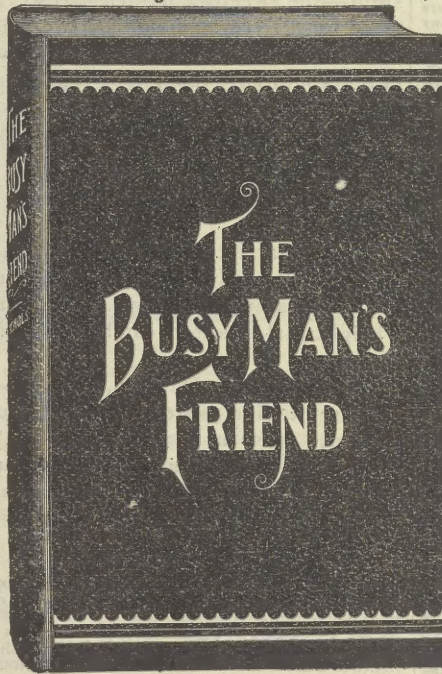
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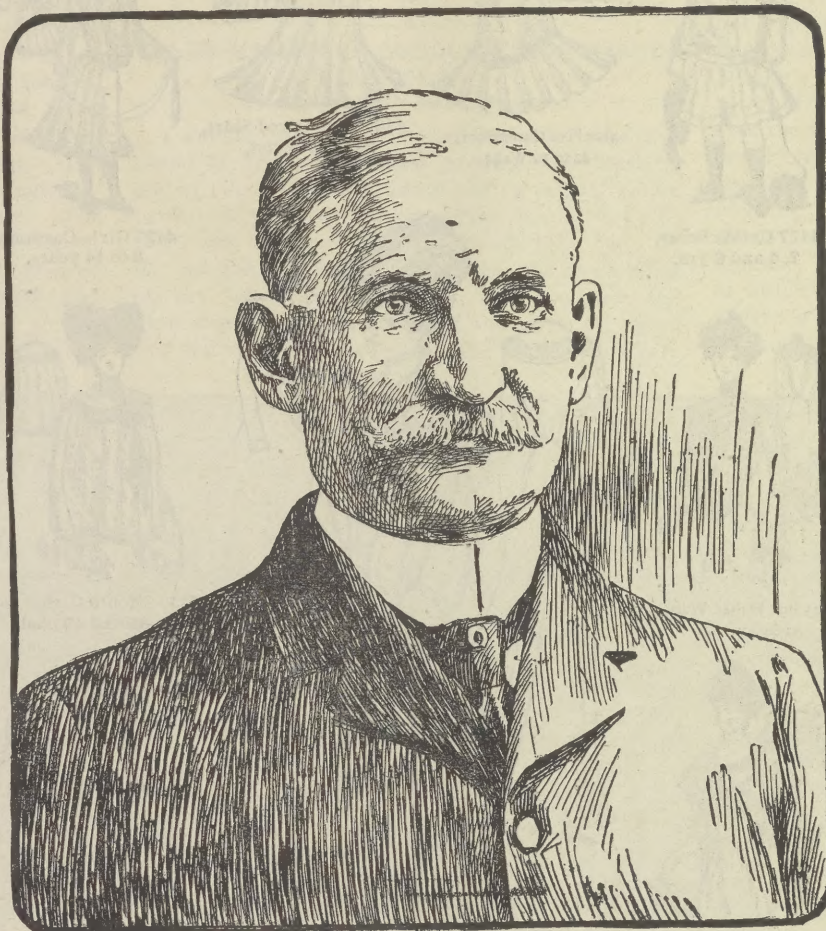
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